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For: Compositions Comprising Random)
Mixtures of Oligonucleotides) January 24, 2001
Group Art Unit: 1655)
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**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
AND AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2000 in which all claims (1-6) of the above-identified application were rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§112 (second paragraph), 102(a) and 103(a). This response is timely filed as a petition for a three-month extension of time to January 31, 2001 is submitted herewith.

AMENDMENTS

In the Title:

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--Compositions Comprising Random Mixtures of Oligonucleotides--.